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SUBJ: AMMUNITION IN THAILAND SALES ANNOUNCED

1. GENERAL LEK NAEWMALEE, DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEF
TOLD NEWSMEN DEC 29 THAT THE RTG HAS AGREED TO PURCHASE
THE 15,000 TONS OF AIT FROM THE U.S. AT WHAT BANGKOK POST
QUOTED "FRIENDSHIP PRICES" IN DEC 30 FRONT-PAGE STORY,

2. AP CORESPONDENT HAS ALSO FILED STORY THAT INFORMED
SOURCES CONFIRM AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN REACHED
RE SALE OF AIT TO RTG.

3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES AND IS TAKING
FOLLOWING LINE. NEGOTIATIONS ON AIT HAVE BEEN IN PROGRESS
FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AS INDICATED IN JOINT STATEMENT OF
JUL 16, 1976, OF AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE AND FOREIGN
MINISTER PHICHAI. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN
REACHED, BUT THE AGREEMENT ITSELF HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNED.
WE ANTICIPATE CONCLUDING THE AGREEMENT IN THE NEAR
FUTURE.

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4. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WE HAVE CONFIRMED
THAT THE AMOUNT OF AIT IS ROUGHLY 15,000 TONS AND HAS A
VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$45 MILLION. WE HAVE DECLINED
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BREAKDOWN AND TYPES
OF AMMUNITION INVOLVED.
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